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In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 1999, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire on December 15, 1999, please enter the following amendment to place the subject case in condition for allowance or in the alternative in better form for consideration on appeal.

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